

## Rider Spoke - Call out to captions users to test a new interactive artwork (Please scroll to page 2 - 4 for a large print version)

We're looking for people with a hearing impairment that use captions to help test a new interactive artwork.

### About the work

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### What is involved?

- An outdoor test in Brighton, Thursday 8th April, 3 - 5pm

The test will involve experiencing Rider Spoke, followed by a feedback session with the Blast Theory team.

Testing will take place outside in central Brighton. You can choose to take part on foot, on a bike, or another form of personal transport – eg a wheelchair, a mobility scooter or an alternative cycle. We will provide all equipment for taking part, including a bike and helmet if you choose to cycle. If you'd prefer to use your own bike or other transport please put any details in your sign-up form.

The feedback session will involve completing a questionnaire and answering questions in a one-to-one interview with a member of the Blast Theory team. Questionnaires will be available in large print.

### Fee

We can offer a £60 fee for taking part in the test. If travel expenses pose a barrier or your PA needs to attend the test with you, please contact us. Please note that there are a limited number of places for testing.

### How to apply

To apply please complete:

- An online sign-up form: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RQY7W9L>
- An online equal opportunities monitoring form: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/app-tester-21>

Please sign-up **by 10am on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

### Equal opportunities & Access

We're an equal opportunities employer and encourage applications from people who are less represented in our sector: particularly people of colour, those with disabilities (including 'invisible' disabilities or neurodiversity such as dyslexia or autism), and people from lower socioeconomic backgrounds.

While we recognise that there may be some restrictions that apply to specific disabilities, we'll try our best to make reasonable adaptations to accommodate your needs. If you have access needs, please email [testing@blasttheory.co.uk](mailto:testing@blasttheory.co.uk) with details so we can:

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In virtual and physical spaces from pubs, canals and abandoned warehouses to libraries, museums and apps – we go to unexpected places to make our work accessible to everyone.

[www.blasttheory.co.uk](http://www.blasttheory.co.uk)

Blast Theory, Unit 5, 20 Wellington Road, Portslade, Brighton, East Sussex, BN411DN

## **Covid-19 information**

We are following government guidelines on social distancing. All equipment being used will be cleaned between uses. We ask that you bring a face mask or covering with you to wear for the duration of the tests, unless you are exempt from wearing one.

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